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KENNEDY: A MAJORITY OF SENATORS STAND UP FOR WORKING FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, D.C—Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to the cloture vote on the Employee Free Choice Act.

"The American people spoke up—loudly and clearly—in the last election, saying they want a Congress that stands up for working families. The Employee Free Choice Act is exactly the kind of bold action they were calling for. It is a key part of the Democratic plan to help the struggling middle class and restore the economic security that has been lost during the Bush years. Today, I am proud that a majority of my colleagues stood up for working families. I regret that more of my Republicans colleagues do not share this vision for a better America. Their obstructionism has stopped us from moving to debate on this important bill.

Today's vote sends a clear signal to the American public about which party stands with working people -- and although we were blocked today we will not give up and we will not give in. I can promise that we will be back. There may be obstacles along the way, but we'll keep up the fight until we get a victory for working families."

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